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"OLYMPIA UND SEINE SPIELE", Last autumn Leipzig Publishers brought out a magnificent book with a preface by Mr. Avery Brundage, and written by Dr. Heinz Schöbel, president of the East German Olympic Committee. Wonderful illustrations showing the treasures that have been recovered of this eternally beautiful civilization accompany the text, which is completed by a chronological table situating in time the men and events of the first ages of Olympism until their decline. Dr. Schöbel revives for us the ceremonial of the Ancient Games and the virility of the sports of that era, in the well documented pages of his book, in which the historian often shows himself to be a poet as well. We hope that this magnificent book which we have received in German, will shortly be available in other languages, for without it no Olympic library can be considered complete.

"SPORT QUI TUE, SPORT QUI SAUVE", published by Fayard, Paris. In this thrilling, enthusiastically written book, the author, Jean-François Brisson, chief editor of "Figaro" (and kind collaborator of the Olympic "Bulletin"), a great sportsman, instructor, organizer and leader, gives a very good picture of sport in present-day society. Both prosecutor and counsel for the defense in turn, J.-F. Brisson condemns sport turned into a spectacle with its violently chauvinistic crowds and extols sport that is so integrated to life that it shapes it, sport that remodels man, and inspires his mind. He persuades and stimulates the reader, and then rouses him to action. He also examines the different sports, which he defines with brilliant succinctness: athletics — standard sport; fencing — striking sport; swimming — compulsory sport; riding — shared sport; rowing — complete sport, etc. Finally, he brings this book, which we recommend as a tonic and a viaticum, to a close with forceful conclusion: My aim will have been achieved "if, in answer to my plea, you occasionally leave your car, armchair and slippers to go spontaneously and shed a little of the sweat that the Scriptures demand in expiation of original sin and which our mechanical civilization has transformed into the price paid for progress, the sweat that we no longer shed to earn our living but to save our health."

"A PHILATELIC HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES", This book, published by Crabtree Press Ltd., Brighton, England, is written by Mr. Ernest Trory, a well-known figure among Olympic philatelists. In sixty-six pages packed with information, facts and illustrations, the author summarizes the philatelic history of the first ten Olympiads. Everything is there, the number printed, the particularities, the postmarks, the surcharges, the commemorative issues, and even the forgeries! This extraordinary work of documentation, which will be welcomed with enthusiasm and interest by collectors and layman alike, is the work of an expert whose private collection and many articles have won him several international prizes. Mr. Trory is a member of the British Olympic Committee and the oldest swimming club in the world (Brighton, his home town); an interesting detail that is by no means negligible in the case of a man of fifty-two, he swims in the sea every day summer and winter alike, and practises weight-lifting three times a week. A true sportsman in fact, of the kind advocated by J.-F. Brisson! To return to his "Philatelic History of the Olympic Games", let us point out that it comes in the form of loose-leaf sheets in five parts bound in an attractive binder. The complete edition costs 13.50 dollars and 9 dollars without the binder. Each of the four chapters which describe the periods from 1896 to 1907, 1908 to 1923, 1924 to 1927 and from 1928 to 1931 respectively can be obtained for the price of 1.50 dollar, the chapter covering the period 1932-1935 costing 3.25 dollars.

As we go to press, we have just received an eagerly awaited book **"PIERRE DE COUBERTIN — L'ÉPOPEE OLYMPIQUE"**. The author is Miss Marie-Thérèse Eyquem, a great sportswoman, woman of letters and the author of well-known biographies. We are looking forward with great interest to reading this work which took its author months of preparation and research in both France and Switzerland, and particularly in the archives of Mon Repos, and we shall not fail to publish a review in our next number. (Calmann-Lévy Publishers, Paris, France.)

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS' CALENDAR OF SPORTS EVENTS 1966

A calendar of the main international competitions in 1966 set up with the help of the International Sports Federations is published on pages 12 to 15.